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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE, MAY 27, FROM JIDDA RPTD TO
YOU:

QUOTE S E C R E T JIDDA 3757

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FOR : THE SECRETARY FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O.: 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, SA (KISSINGER, HENRY)

SUBJ: SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO PRINCE FAHD

REF : SECTO 1133

1. COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY ISA SABBAGH DELIVERED ORAL MESSAGE
FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER (REFTEL) TO CROWN PRINCE FAHD IN
DHAHRAN SUNDAY, MAY 25.

2. FAHD WAS MOST PLEASED. HE MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) THE SCHLESINGER STATEMENT WAS UNFORTUNATE, ESPECIALLY AS
IT WAS SUCH A DEPARTURE FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER'S LAST STATE-
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MENT IN THE RIYADH AIRPORT;

B) FAHD HAD HEARD OF PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT ON THE SAME SUBJECT. SABBAGH GAVE HIM THE TEXT. FAHD WAS GREATLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE CONTENTS, PROMPTNESS AND TIMING OF THIS "CORRECTIVE STATEMENT" ON THE EVE OF PRESIDENT FORD'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT.

3. SABBAGH ALSO GAVE FAHD COPIES OF THE SENATE'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD ON AID TO ISRAEL AND THE PERTINENT REPLIES OF SENATORS MCGOVERN AND PERCY. WHILE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION AND ADMIRATION FOR THE "COURAGE, WISDOM AND FAIRNESS" OF SENATORS MCGOVERN AND PERCY, FAHD SAID HE THOUGHT SUCH MANEUVERS BY A GREAT MAJORITY OF THE SENATE WERE NOT ONLY CONTRARY TO U.S. INTERESTS BUT WOULD TEND TO CONVINCE THE WORLD THAT SENATOR FULBRIGHT WAS RIGHT WHEN HE CLAIMED THE MAJORITY OF U.S. SENATORS WERE AT ISRAEL'S COMMAND. FAHD SAID THE SENATE'S LETTER WAS ALREADY BEING EXPLOITED BY RADIO MOSCOW AS "PROOF OF AMERICA'S INALTERABLE ENMITY TO THE ARABS."

4. FAHD SAID SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MESSAGE ON THE ISRAELI INCURSIONS INTO SAUDI ARABIA WAS REASSURING ALTHOUGH IT WAS ONLY AN ORAL REPLY. FAHD SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE RESULTS OF THE FOLLOW-UP IN ISRAEL WHICH THE SECRETARY HAD PROMISED. AKINS UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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